

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24, 2011

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, at 7:00 p.m. Print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, and place of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Rosemary English, Chairman
Mr. Ray Fleming, Vice-Chairman
Dr. John A. Bass
Mr. Levi Green
Mr. Richard Hazen
Mr. John Wesley Hightower
Mr. Keith Liner
Mr. Dwight Smith
Mrs. Donna Moore Wesby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent
Mr. David Caver, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. William H. Burkhalter, Board Attorney
Dr. Cecelia Hewett, Associate Superintendent
for Administration
Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, Associate Superintendent
for Instruction and Accountability
Mrs. Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 1
Mrs. Peggy Trivelas, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 2
Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 3
Mrs. Janice Kitchings, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 4
Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent
for Area 5
Mrs. Vicky Durden, Administrative Assistant
to Board of Education

Chairman English called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Devotional and Pledge were led by Mrs. Janice Kitchings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman English stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as approved. Mr. Hightower MOVED to add an item to D: Correspondence Addressed to Board Members: SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 3, 2011, minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2011, and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 16, 2011; were presented for approval. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on May 3, 2011, minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2011, and minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 16, 2011; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; Mrs. Wesby MOVED to amend the motion on the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on May 3, 2011 to include a statement under Board Input that the Administration will post all comments and questions by the community and the Board on the District's website; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED carried on a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Hazen abstained on the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 10, 2011 due to being absent).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- NAHS State DAR Essay winner, Macey Whatley, was recognized.
- Hammond Hill Elementary "Letters About Literature" State winner, Ellie Fuller, was recognized.
- FCCLA winners from Aiken High, South Aiken High and Wagener-Salley High were recognized.
- SAHS DECA winners were recognized.

- WSHS JROTC Rifle Team winners were recognized.
- WSHS FFA Tool Identification winners were recognized.
- Aiken Elementary students were recognized as Elementary Knowledge Masters Spring Open winners.
- SMS Jazz Band members were recognized.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Debbie Nix spoke regarding Property Tax Increase.

Kit Parker spoke regarding Budget Issues.

- OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman English informed the Board of an invitation from URS regarding a reception for Tony Fountain on June 9, 2011, at Newberry Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A-1 FIVE-YEAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-2 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: The Board reviewed and accepted the information as presented.
- A-3 GRADUATION PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: Dr. O’Gorman presented a power point presentation regarding Graduation Performance Indicators.

A-4 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT – MIDDLE SCHOOL: Dr. Stowe presented a power point presentation regarding Technical Assistance Visit.

A-5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Liner presented a power point presentation regarding Legislative Update.

CONSENT ITEMS:

B-1 RATIFICATION OF EXPULSION: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board ratify the expulsion of students not appealing this action as submitted by Area Assistant Superintendents.

B-2 REVISION OF POLICY IKA GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS – FINAL READING: Dr. Bass MOVED to change the word or to and between valedictorian and salutatorian in the attachment of the final reading; SECONDED by Mr. Smith; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B-3 SUNSHINE HOUSE INC. GRANT TO EAST AIKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FY11: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the Sunshine House Inc. Grant to East Aiken Elementary School and adjustments to the FY11 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award.

B-4 FY12 APPLICATION FOR TITLE II, PART A OF NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board authorize submission of the Title II application to the State Department of Education, adjustments to the FY2012 budget to reflect authorized expenditures and implementation of the program.

B-5 TITLE III ALLOCATIONS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITIONS, FY12: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve the grant award in the amount of \$142,081 adjustments to the FY12 Fund 2 Budget to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures and implementation of the program.

B-6 ANNUAL REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – FIRST READING: Superintendent Everitt recommended the Board approve on first reading the proposed changes in the Code of Student Conduct 2011-2012.

Mr. Hazen MOVED to approve items B-1 through B-6 as recommended; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

C-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Wesby MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2011-2012; and summer program employees for school year 2010-2011; SECONDED by Mr. Green; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 SCHEMATIC PLANS FOR THE JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT: Mr. Scott Powell presented a power point presentation regarding Schematic Plans for Jackson Middle School. Mr. Fleming MOVED to approve the schematic design narrative, schematic plans, and preliminary construction cost estimate for the Jackson Middle School Addition Project as presented by Craig Gaulden Davis, Architects; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- MEMO REGARDING TRAVEL BUDGETS: Mr. Hightower discussed concerns regarding Travel Budgets, calculations and discrepancies in total amount indicated in memo.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

- Superintendent Everitt gave a brief update on events in the District.

Chairman English announced the Board would need to have an executive session for the purpose of considering the following matters: Legal briefing: Update on three litigation matters; the progress and settlement of a previously scheduled special education due process hearing under IDEA; status of a pending new charter school proposal; a construction bid dispute outcome; the status of two grievance/EEOC filings; two unemployment compensation claims; status of several personnel issues including two requests for TEDA Board hearing; and several proposed contractual matters; Student appeals as follow: two from Area 3; and three from Area 1.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The regular session recessed at 9:29 p.m.

Executive session convened at 9:34 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 10:54 p.m.

Chairman English announced while in executive session the Board considered, or received information concerning, the following matters: Legal briefing: Update on three litigation matters; the progress and settlement of a previously scheduled special education due process hearing under IDEA; status of a pending new charter school proposal; a construction bid dispute outcome; the status of two grievance/EEOC filings; two unemployment compensation claims; status of several personnel issues including two requests for TEDA Board hearing; and several proposed contractual matters; Student appeals as follow: two from Area 3; and one from Area 1 (two from Area 1 did not show for appeal).

CONTRACTUAL ISSUES:

- No items this meeting.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS:

- The Board received a legal briefing with no action necessary.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

No items this meeting.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

No items this meeting.

APPEALS:

F-5-a: STUDENT APPEAL: The appeal was postponed.

F-5-b: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 3. Mr. Green MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year and allow student to make-up course work and take exams; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; Mr. Fleming MOVED to amend the motion to suspend student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, to complete all work assigned and have the administration administer an assessment to determine placement for the 2011-2012 school year; SECONDED by Mrs. Wesby; AMENDED MOTION carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Smith, Dr. Bass, Mr. Hazen, and Mr. Hightower opposed). ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED carried on a vote of 5-4 (Mr. Hightower, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Smith and Dr. Bass opposed).

F-5-c: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a middle school student in Area 3. Mr. Hightower MOVED to suspend the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Fleming; MOTION carried on a vote of 6-3 (Mr. Smith, Dr. Bass, and Mr. Hazen opposed).

F-5-d: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent/guardian withdrew the appeal on 5-24-11.

F-5-e: STUDENT APPEAL: The Board heard an appeal from the parent of a high school student in Area 1. Mr. Green MOVED to uphold the decision of the Tribunal and expel the student for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year; SECONDED by Mr. Hightower; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hightower MOVED to extend the meeting pass 11:00 p.m. of the Regular Meeting, as stated in policy, to complete Executive Session items; SECONDED by Mr. Hazen; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F-5-F: STUDENT APPEAL: The appeal was postponed.

F-5-g: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal.

F-5-h: STUDENT APPEAL: The parent and student did not show for the appeal.

Mr. Fleming MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Dr. Bass; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Vicky Durden

APPROVED: